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SUBJECT: DOWNGRADING OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE POSITIONS

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. FY 75 SECURITY ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS ACT (PL 94-11),
WHICH WAS SIGNED INTO LAW ON MARCH 26, CONTAINS FOLLOWING
RESTRICTION:

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"...THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FLAG AND GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ASSIGNED OR DETAILED TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUPS, MILITARY MISSIONS, OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS, OR PERFORMING DUTIES PRIMARILY WITH RESPECT TO THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY AFTER MAY 1, 1975."

2. IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH LAW, SECDEF HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAS SELECTED THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS OF GENERAL/FLAG OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO MAAGS, MISSIONS AND MILITARY GROUPS TO BE DOWNGRADED TO COLONEL/CAPTAIN (O-6):

CHIEF OF STAFF, JUSMAG, KOREA,
CHIEF, MILITARY EQUIPMENT DELIVERY TEAM, CAMBODIA,
CHIEF, NAVY SECTION, JUSMAG, KOREA (RETAIN INCUMBENT IN-COUNTRY AS COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES KOREA) #
CHIEF, MAAG, PORTUGAL (RETAIN INCUMBENT IN-COUNTRY AS COMIBERLANT) #
CHIEF, AIR FORCE SECTION, USMILGP, BRAZIL (RETAIN INCUMBENT IN-COUNTRY AS AIR FORCE MEMBER, JOINT BRAZIL US MILITARY COMMISSION (JBUSMC) #
CHIEF, NAVY SECTION, USMILGP, BRAZIL (RETAIN INCUMBENT IN-COUNTRY AS NAVY MEMBER, JBUSMC) #
COMMANDER, USMILGP, ARGENTINA,
CHIEF, MAAG, ITALY,
CHIEF, MAAG, GERMANY,
DEPUTY COMUSMACHTAI/JUSMAG, THAILAND.

IDENTIFIES DUAL-HATTED POSITIONS FOR WHICH RETENTION OF THE INCUMBENT IN HIS OTHER BILLET IS DESIRED. HE WILL BE RELIEVED OF HIS SA FUNCTION, AND THIS ACTION IS CONSIDERED TO BE WITHIN THE INTENT OF THE LAW.

3. WE HAVE EXPLORED ALL ALTERNATIVES AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE FOREGOING DOD PROPOSALS ARE THE BEST UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HOST GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ADVISED OF SECDEF'S DECISION. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON FACT THAT DOWNGRADING ACTIONS ARE MEASURES REQUIRED BY LAW AND DO NOT REFLECT ANY CHANGES IN US INTERESTS. IF SECDEF DECISIONS ARE INTOLERABLE, PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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